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## SOVIETS FRESS AFFORESTATION PROGRAMS

GEORGIAN NURSERY EXPANDS SEEDLING OUTPUT -- Zarya Vostoka, 9 Sep 50

Planting of state shelter belts was begun in Georgia during the spring of 1950. These belts will be made up to a great extent of eucalyptus. By 1955, more than 100 million eucalyptus trees are to have been planted.

Planting stock for these belts is being grown in three nurseries created for the purpose. The Samtredia Nursery of the Ministry of Industrial Crops Georgian SSR is growing much stock for the shelter belt program.

The area occupied by this nursery was until recently a swamp. Covering an area of 73 hectares, it now consists of a workers' settlement, two greenhouses, and 270 hotbeds. Construction of homes and production facilities is continuing. A bamboo plantation and a buck bean (Menyanthes trifoliata) growing area have been established.

By the end of 1950, the nursery is to have provided the sovkhozes and kolkhozes with 450,000 eucalyptus and 500,000 buck bean seedlings. A large part of this planting stock has already been delivered.

The nursery is growing eucalyptus, persimmon (Diospyros), evergreen, mulberry (Morus), and sweet bay (Laurus nobilis) trees in its hotbeds, greenhouses, and in the open. Next spring, it will be able to provide up to 2 million seedlings of various kinds.

FALL SHELTER BELT PLANTING REGINS -- Kermunist, 31 Oct 50

Saratov -- After 2 years, the kolkhozes, sovkhozes, shelter belt stations, and forest managements of Saratov Oblast have planted more than 42,000 hectares of forest, or 16,000 hectares more than called for by plan. Of the total, 32,000 hectares were planted this year, 10,000 last year. During the 2 years, the oblast kolkhozes have built and restored about 1,100 ponds and reservoirs. Fall planting and pond construction work is now in progress.

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Krasnodar -- The grain sovkhozes in the Kuban Valley have grown 40 million seedlings and gathered about 200 tons of tree seeds for planting this fall. They now face the task of planting 1,100 hectares of new shelter belts and of restoring 500 hectares of old belts.

Dnepropetrovsk -- More than 4,000 hectares, or 2,000 hectares more than last year, have been prepared for nest-method planting of acorns this fall by the kolkhozes and sovkhozes of Dnepropetrovsk Oblast.

REPUBLIC DECREES SPECIAL TREE PLANTING -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 31 Oct 50

The Council of Ministers and TsK KP(b), Azerbaydzhan SSR, decrees that a special month-long campaign of shelter-belt planting and afforestation work be undertaken from 1 November to 1 December 1950. The following plan is to be met during the month:

Tree planting - total			trees
Including fruit trees	3	**	**
Cutting procurement - total	100	11	cuttings
Including		11	n
Poplar (Populus)	70	11	11
Willow (Salix)	15		,, H
Plane tree (Platanus orientalis)	5	**	"
Pomegranate (Punica granatum)	10	11	"
Cutting planting - total	50	"	"
Including			11
Poplar	30	**	11
Willow	8	11	" H
Plane tree	2	31	. 11
Pomegranate	10		. "
Nurseries to be established	550	ha.	
Tree planting along irrigation canals	440	11	
Tree planting along roads	2.5	milli	ion trees
Shelter belt planting along railroads	150	ha	
State forest reserve lands to be planted	2,500	11	
Kolkhoz shelter belts to be planted	1,600	11	
Sovkhoz shelter belts to be planted	150	n	
State shelter belts to be planted	1,000	Ħ	
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BOTANISTS STUDY UZBEK VEGETATION -- Pravda Vostoka, No 213, 10 Sep 50

In cooperation with the Central Asiatic scientific research institutes, a group of Leningrad botanists headed by L. Ye. Rodin have compiled preliminary maps of the vegetative cover of Uzbekistan.

The preliminary maps will be put into finished form at some future time in the Botanical Institute of the Academy of Sciences USSR.

The vegetation of Central Asia possesses good feed qualities and is able to support an extensive livestock-raising industry. The Leningrad botanists lent their assistance to local specialists in solving practical problems connected with better utilization of the feed potentialities of these vast land expanses.

The materials collected in Uzbekistan will be used in compiling vegetation maps of the Uzbek republic and eventually will be incorporated into a composite map of all Central Asian republics.

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